

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

District of North Dakota

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Justin Russell Keplin,  
a/k/a Ug

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: 3:22-cr-184-13

USM Number: 13159-059

Charles Justin Sheeley

Defendant's Attorney

## THE DEFENDANT:

☒ pleaded guilty to count(s) ONE (1) of the Superseding Indictment.☐ pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
which was accepted by the court.☐ was found guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

<u>Title &amp; Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
21 USC § 846	Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute and Distribute Controlled Substances	12/6/23	1

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 8 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_☒ Count(s) 21, 22, 24, and 35 ☐ is ☒ are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

May 31, 2024

Date of Imposition of Judgment

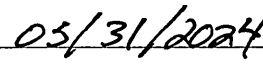


Signature of Judge

Peter D. Welte

U.S. Chief District Judge

Name and Title of Judge



Date

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## IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of:

**144 MONTHS with credit for time served.**

- ☒ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:  
That defendant be placed at FCI Sandstone, or alternatively at FCI Oxford or as close as possible to North Dakota, and that he be allowed to serve his sentence at a facility where he can participate in substance abuse treatment, including the 500 hour Residential Drug Abuse Treatment Program (RDAP). He should be allowed to participate in any educational or vocational opportunities; and any mental health treatment as deemed appropriate by the Bureau of Prisons.
- ☒ The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.
- ☐ The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:
- ☐ at \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.
- ☐ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:
- ☐ before 2 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.
- ☐ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

## RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_, with a certified copy of this judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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### SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, you will be on supervised release for a term of:

**5 YEARS.**

### MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2. You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.  
☐ The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse. *(check if applicable)*
4. ☐ You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution. *(check if applicable)*
5. ☒ You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(check if applicable)*
6. ☐ You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in the location where you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. *(check if applicable)*
7. ☐ You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(check if applicable)*

You must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any other conditions on the attached page.

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### STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of your supervised release, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

1. You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of your release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when you must report to the probation officer, and you must report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
4. You must answer truthfully the questions asked by your probation officer.
5. You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
7. You must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you do not have full-time employment you must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. If you know someone has been convicted of a felony, you must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person such as nunchakus or tasers).
11. You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
12. If the probation officer determines that you pose a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk.
13. You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

### U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. For further information regarding these conditions, see *Overview of Probation and Supervised Release Conditions*, available at: [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov).

Defendant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

1. You must totally abstain from the use of alcohol and illegal drugs or the possession of a controlled substance, as defined in 21 U.S.C. § 802 or state statute, unless prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner; and any use of inhalants or psychoactive substances (e.g., synthetic marijuana, bath salts, etc.) that impair your physical or mental functioning.
2. You must submit to drug/alcohol screening at the direction of the United States Probation Officer to verify compliance. Failure or refusal to submit to testing can result in mandatory revocation. Tampering with the collection process or specimen may be considered the same as a positive test result.
3. You must participate in a chemical dependency treatment program as approved by the supervising probation officer.
4. You must participate in mental health treatment/counseling as directed by the supervising probation officer.
5. You must participate in a program aimed at addressing specific interpersonal or social areas, for example, domestic violence, anger management, marital counseling, financial counseling, cognitive skills, parenting, at the direction of your supervising probation officer.
6. As directed by the Court, if during the period of supervised release the supervising probation officer determines you are in need of placement in a Residential Re-Entry Center (RRC), you must voluntarily report to such a facility as directed by the supervising probation officer, cooperate with all rules and regulations of the facility, participate in all recommended programming, and not withdraw from the facility without prior permission of the supervising probation officer. The Court retains and exercises ultimate responsibility in this delegation of authority to the probation officer.
7. You must submit your person, property, house, residence, vehicle, papers, computers (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(1)) other electronic communications or data storage devices or media, or office, to a search conducted by a United States probation officer. Failure to submit to a search may be grounds for revocation of release. You must warn any other occupants that the premises may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition. The probation officer may conduct a search under this condition only when reasonable suspicion exists that you have violated a condition of supervision and that the areas to be searched contain evidence of this violation. Any search must be conducted at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner.

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### CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Restitution</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>AVAA Assessment*</u>	<u>JVTA Assessment**</u>
TOTALS	\$ 100.00	\$	\$	\$	\$

☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until \_\_\_\_\_. An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO 245C)* will be entered after such determination.

☐ The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Total Loss***</u>	<u>Restitution Ordered</u>	<u>Priority or Percentage</u>
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TOTALS	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
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☐ Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

☐ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:

☐ the interest requirement is waived for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution.

☐ the interest requirement for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution is modified as follows:

\* Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-299.

\*\* Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.

\*\*\* Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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### SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A ☒ Lump sum payment of \$ 100.00 due immediately, balance due
- ☐ not later than \_\_\_\_\_, or  
☒ in accordance with ☐ C, ☐ D, ☐ E, or ☒ F below; or
- B ☐ Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with ☐ C, ☐ D, or ☐ F below); or
- C ☐ Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to commence \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
- D ☐ Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to commence \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E ☐ Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F ☒ Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:  
**All criminal monetary payments are to be made to the Clerk's Office, U.S. District Court, 655 1st Avenue North, Suite 130, Fargo, ND 58102.**

**While on supervised release, the Defendant shall cooperate with the Probation Officer in developing a monthly payment plan consistent with a schedule of allowable expenses provided by the Probation Office.**

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during the period of imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

☐ Joint and Several

Case Number  
Defendant and Co-Defendant Names  
(including defendant number)

Total Amount

Joint and Several  
Amount

Corresponding Payee,  
if appropriate

- ☐ The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- ☐ The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
- ☒ The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:  
**See page 8.**

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) AVAA assessment, (5) fine principal, (6) fine interest, (7) community restitution, (8) JVT A assessment, (9) penalties, and (10) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.



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### ADDITIONAL FORFEITED PROPERTY

1. \$16,107 in United States currency seized on or about December 12, 2021, in Fargo, North Dakota;
2. One Kahr Arms, Model CW40, .40 caliber pistol, Serial Number FE6862, seized on or about 12/12/2021, in Fargo, ND;
3. \$9,263 in United States currency seized on or about January 12, 2022, in Fargo, North Dakota;
4. One Remington, Model Sportsman 58, 12-gauge weapon made from a shotgun, Serial Number 225969M, seized on or about January 12, 2022, in Fargo, North Dakota;
5. \$11,627 in United States currency seized on or about February 24, 2022, in Fargo, North Dakota;
6. One Heritage Manufacturing, Inc., Model Rough Rider, .22 caliber pistol, Serial Number P93129, seized on or about February 24, 2022, in Fargo, North Dakota;
7. One Ruger, Model LC9s, 9mm caliber pistol, Serial Number 45283174, seized on or about June 13, 2022, in Fargo, ND;
8. One Ruger, Model EC9s, 9mm pistol, with an obliterated serial number, seized on or about July 7, 2022, in and near Jamestown, North Dakota;
9. One Ruger, Model 22/45 Mark IV Lite, .22 caliber pistol, with an obliterated serial number, seized on or about July 23, 2022, in and near Belcourt, North Dakota;
10. One Taurus, Model PT111, 9mm pistol, Serial number TVH43701, seized on or about 7/23/22, in and near Belcourt, ND;
11. One Ruger, Model LCP, .380 caliber pistol with an obliterated serial number, seized on or about July 23, 2022, in and near Belcourt, North Dakota;
12. Two black silencers, with no known serial numbers, seized on or about July 23, 2022, in and near Belcourt, ND;
13. \$1,500 in United States currency seized on or about August 6, 2022, near Devils Lake, North Dakota;
14. One Glock, Model 45, 9mm pistol, Serial Number BTUE028, seized on or about 8/21/22, in and near Bismarck, ND;
15. One Heritage Arms, model Rough Rider, .22 caliber revolver, Serial Number 1BH465826, seized on or about September 4, 2022, in and near Idaho Falls, Idaho;
16. One Savage, Model Rascal, .22 caliber rifle, Serial Number 2057746, seized on or about September 4, 2022, in and near Idaho Falls, Idaho;
17. One Mossberg & Sons, Model 173, .410 shotgun, with no serial number, seized on or about September 4, 2022, in and near Idaho Falls, Idaho;
18. One Kessler, Model 30C, 12-gauge shotgun, with an unknown serial number, seized on or about September 4, 2022, in and near Idaho Falls, Idaho;
19. One Savage, Model 67C, 20-gauge weapon made from a shotgun, Serial Number B291298, seized on or about September 21, 2022, in and near Belcourt, North Dakota;
20. One Benelli, Model Nova, 12-gauge weapon made from a shotgun, Serial Number Z003381, seized on or about September 21, 2022, in and near Belcourt, North Dakota;
21. One Ruger, Model Ec9s, 9mm caliber pistol, Serial Number 458-89252, seized on or about September 21, 2022, in and near Belcourt, North Dakota;
22. One Springfield Armory, Model XD-9, 9mm caliber pistol, Serial Number XD163226, seized on or about September 21, 2022, in and near Bismarck, North Dakota;
23. One Ruger, Model PC Carbine, 9mm rifle, Serial Number 910-66433, seized on or about September 21, 2022, in and near Bismarck, North Dakota;
24. One Winchester, Model 100, .308 caliber rifle, Serial Number 35359, seized on or about September 21, 2022, in and near Bismarck, North Dakota;
25. One Winchester, Model 1300, 12-gauge shotgun, Serial Number L2952690, seized on or about September 21, 2022, in and near Bismarck, North Dakota;
26. One Ruger, Model MK III, .22 caliber pistol, Serial Number 274-96534, seized on or about September 21, 2022, in and near Bismarck, North Dakota;
27. One Winchester, Model 37, .410 caliber shotgun with no serial number, seized on or about September 21, 2022, in and near Bismarck, North Dakota;
28. One Ruger, Model Mini 14, .223 caliber rifle, Serial Number 18668339, seized on or about September 21, 2022, in and near Bismarck, North Dakota;
29. One B King's Firearms, Model M4 MOD-0, .556 caliber rifle, Serial Number MOD-0-01810, seized on or about September 21, 2022, in and near Bismarck, North Dakota;
30. One New England Firearms, Model Pardner, .410 caliber weapon made from a shotgun, Serial Number NN393398, seized on or about September 21, 2022, in and near Bismarck, North Dakota; and
31. One Stoeger, Model 2000, 12-gauge weapon made from a shotgun, Serial Number 923808, seized on or about September 21, 2022, in and near Bismarck, North Dakota.